## THAT CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Resolution to Investigate It Cut Off by Adjournment of Council.

Ordinances Introduced to Tax Vehicles and Gas Mains-Bottle Gatherers-Work of the Boards.

The Council meeting last evening was a lively one and reminded one of old times. Mr. Gasper intended to introduce the following, and was working on it when the Council adjourned: To the President and Members of the Common Coun-

Gentlemen-As rumors pro and con have been circulated that a certain member of the been circulated that a certain member of the Council had been approached by another member with a proposition of bribery. I would most respectfully move that a committee of five members of the Council be selected to investigate such charges, and that the President of the Council be made a member of the committee.

Mr. Gasper will introduce a resolution similar to the above at the next meeting of the Council.

Board of Safety. The Board of Public Safety held its regular monthly meeting. Special police powers were granted William A. Joyce at the Big Four yards, and John J. Sharkey for the Merchants' National Bank. The report of the police surgeon showed a total number of applicants for medical attention in November of 140. Chief Webster's report showed forty-three alarms with a loss of \$2,348, and insurance amounting to \$94,200. The report of the superintendent of police shows a total of 343 arrests, of whom 271 were white and seventy-two black; male 322, and female

twenty-one. During the month the police matron gave shelter to twenty-six, of whom fifteen were white and eleven black.

The report of the PoliceCourt bailiff showed 108 committed to the work-house, 45 to the grand jury, 89 cases dismissed, 30 discharged, 49 paid costs and fines, 14 fines were stayed, 38 were released on commitment, 7 defaulted paper bonds, 2 cases were appealed and 9 continued, making a total of 391

Building Inspector Fitchey reported 132 building permits, to the value of \$146,943.

Market Master Schiltges reported fees amounting to \$124.75. Clerk Stieg reported receipts amounting to \$411.28. Chief Webster and Building Inspector Fitchey were directed to get estimates for the repair of No. 7 engine-house. The thoring is in a bad condition. A communication was received from the Dugdaie can company, asking for an alarm box. They say the nearest one is a half mile distant. It was referred to the fire chief. A similar communication from the West-side planing-mili

Was also referred to him.

Yesterday morning J. T. Powers sent a communication to the Board of Public Safety calling attention to the uncivil manner in which he was ejected from the Massachusetts-avenue depot. The matter was referred to Superintendent Col-

To Tax Natural-Gas Mains. In the absence of Councilman Costello from the Council meeting last night, Mr. White introduced the former's ordinance providing for placing a tax or licence fee of 3 cents a foot on the gas mains of all corporations, companies and individuals doing business in this city. Mr. White thought it ought to be referred to the committee on screets and alleys, of which Mr. Costello is chairman, while others thought the finance committee was the proper place for it. In the midst of the squabble Mr. McGill arose and advised his brethren to go slow. He thought the reporters ought to be given an opportunity to ventilate the matter, as many fresh ideas were often gleaned from them. He was in favor of referring the ordithem. He was in favor of referring the ordinance to the finance committee. Mr. Rassmann, el airman of the latter committee, said as the ordinance was Mr. Costello's "hobby" he was willing for it to go to the streets and alleys committee, of which he is chairman, but if the Council wanted it referred to the finance committee he could assure them that it would receive fair consideration. It was referred to the latter committee by a vote of 11 to 7. The authority for imposing such a tax is found in General Ordinance 14 governing gas companies.

Celebrated Bottle Ordinance. The finance committee last night reported in favor of the passage of the ordinance introduced by Mr. Rassmann to levy a yearly tax of \$25 on the cellectors of old bottles, and later Rassmann called the ordinance up and attempted to have it passed. This aroused Mr. Gauss's ire. He said it was following up an ordinance introduced by Sim Coy of like nature which was for the benefit of a South Illinois-street dealer in old bottles. He thought it was poor legislation, and

was not in far or of it. "I want it 'inderstood," said Rassmann testily "that I introduced that ordinance at the request of a committee that called upon me." White thought such legislation was vicious, as it struck at a poor man's right to carn a living. He moved to indefinitely postpone action on the ordinance. Then ensued a lot of horse-play that would be a disgrace to any dignified parliament-ary body, and which resulted in the ordinance being stricken from the files. This was after Mr. Young had introduced an amendment to make the tax \$1 instead of \$25 a year.

Board of Works. Yesterday morning the Board of Public Works was in receipt of a letter from Vice-president Davis, of the water company, embodying some statistics regarding the sprinkling of the past season. The number of gallons of water used was 105,515,000, the number of square feet sprinkled, 14,889,964; the total cost of water. \$1,566.21; seven gallons per square foot used, and the cost per square foot was .005 cent.

The board festerday decided to postpone action on the sewer resolutions for some days.

A petition was filed asking for the vacation of Helen street, between the south line of Georgia street and the north line of Louisiana street. The board took no action on the petition.

The board unanimously adopted a resolution for the construction of a levee along the east bank of White river, from Chestnut street to a nt 2/o leet borth of Ream Street

Vehicle Ordinance at Last. Mr. Rassmann introduced his vehicle ordinance last night. It places a tax on vehicles ranging from \$3 a year for a one-horse wagon up to \$10 for a four-horse omnibus. It provides that all persons shall have placed on their vehicles the number registered in the controller's office, which shall be conspicuous enough to be visible from the sidewalk. The money derived from the tax is to go to the fund for repairing streets and alleys. The ordinance was referred to the committee on streets and alleys without debate.

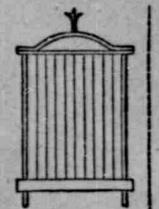
To Increase Salaries. Last night Mr. Halloran introduced an ordi nance to increase the salaries of members of the fire department. The scale provided in his ordinance is as follows: Chief engineer, \$1,500; assistant chief eugineer, \$1,200; superintendent fire alarm telegraph, \$1,200; assistant superintendent fire alarm telegraph, \$1,200; captains and engineers, \$900; stokers, drivers, hosemen, truckmen, etc., \$820; watchmen, \$730. The ordinance was referred to the finance commitsee. A number of firemen were present at the

Dr. Edenharter's Salary.

Last night the City Board of Health sent a communication to the Council calling attention to the "inadequate" salary of the superintendent of the City Hospital-\$1,000 a year-and asking the Council to prepare an ordinance increasing

## The Bird will go into the Cage!

DIRECTIONS.—Place one edge of a visiting card along the line between the bird and the cage, and rest the tip of your nose against the other edge of the card. Hold the card so that no shadow falls on either side. Watch the bird a moment. you will see it go into the cage,





You will not believe this until you try it; neither will you believe that Cleveland's baking powder is absolutely the best until you try it.
Try it!

the same to a sum not less than \$2,000 a year. The communication was accepted and later Councilman Schraeder introduced an ordinance increasing the salary to \$2,000. The ordinance was referred to the committee on fees and salaries without debate.

To Preserve Ice Ponds. Mr. Puryear introduced an ordinance in the Council last night to make it unlawful for anybody to throw any debris of whatever character on ice ponds within the jurisdiction of the city. An effort was unde to pass the ordinance, but some member objected and it was referred to the committee on streets and alleys with instruc-

Will Go to Cincinnati. The members of the Board of Public Works, the Mayor, Sam Rauh and others will go to Cincinnati to-day to inspect the garbage plant in

ASYLUMS FOR THE INSANE.

Northern and Southern Hospital Report Filed with the Governor.

The report of the Southern Rospital for the Insane was yesterday filed with the Governor. The board of trustees report that improvements of the grounds had been made in accordance with the topographic survey by a landscape gardener. There was extensive grading and filling, thus removing hillocks and providing basins for several lakes. The roads have been macadamized to the extent of 2,014 feet. Wells have been dug, providing an abundance of pure water at a depth of seventy-five feet. A store house, a morgue, a motor-house and a railway station had been built. The guttering on the roof has been replaced, though the institution is new, and insurance taken out to the amount of \$225,000. Alibrary of eight hundred volumes has been provided at an expense of \$718.15. The net profit from the farm in two years was \$3,006.76. The labor of patients was utilized, when beneficial to the patients. The value of the land and improvements is \$463,489.64, and of the personal property \$40,288.56. The total expenditures for two years were \$163,111,04, leaving a balance of \$6,888.96. The per capita of cost of mainte-nance was \$175,14; and exclusive of clothing and repairs, the per capita cost was \$138.96. The total number of patients was 548, of whom seventy-six improved and fifty-four ied. The per cent. recovered was was About 40 per cent, of the patients were able to assist in the work on the farm. The report shows that the management has provided religious and social entertainment with good results.

The report for the Northern Hospital for the Insane was also filed yesterday. It shows the total number admitted since the opening of the hospital in July, 1888, until Oct. 1, is 1,161. The number enrolled Oct. 1 was 433. The mortality for the year was 6.2 per cent. The first year 25 per cent. recovered, and 49 per cent. recovered during the second year. The number of new cases admitted was 429. Fifty-two per cent. of the patients were supplied with clothing

by their friends. The trustees, the report says, have increased the pay of attendants every year, leading them to their best endeavors. Fifty per cent. of the patients did some manual work. It was not imposed upon them but was encouraged. Dr. Rogers makes a plea for increased facilities, saying the hospital's district includes twentytwo counties, giving the hospital a place for one in 1,192 people, while the ratio of insane is one to 600, or almost double. He says there are sixty-six patients in the Central hospital which belong to his district. He recommends the building of an associate dining-hall which would re-lease space capable of giving room for 292 more than can now be accommodated. The superintendent has made many improvements about the grounds and buildings. The per capita cost of maintenance was \$195.21. The products of the farm brought in a value of \$19.710.33. The value of the real estate is \$430,268.78 and of the personal property \$36,104.81. There has been no endenaic disease in the institution.

MONUMENT COMMISSIONERS

Will Not Exhibit the Crowning Figure at Chicago-Other Matters Handled.

The monument commissioners were in monthly session yesterday, with President Langsdale, Mr. McCollum and General Manson present. General Bennett is still very ill and could not attend. The commissioners decided to refuse the request of the Chicago Bronze Company for the privilege of exhibiting the crowning piece at the world's fair, as it had requested. The board considered that the figure must be in its place when the Grand Army meets here next September, and will urge the erection at the earliest possible date, Mr. Brewster, the artist and sculptor, was present in conference with the board. He says the nava! astragal is making rapid progress. The keystone ornaments in the monument, representing two appropriate types of human feeling in harmony with the reading of the monument, were not exeented, he says, according to the model furnished. They have not been accepted, and probably will not be. Mr. Brewster says it was the duty of the carver to follow the copy in the accepted model, and not to attempt to change it, however much the carver thought he could improve it. is a marked dissimilarity between the heads and the models, and the impression exists that the carver gained the impression that he was the artist, instead of Mr. Brewster.

FOR THE LAST RITES.

Arrangements for the Funeral of the Late A. R. Baker This Morning.

The funeral of the late A. R. Baker will be held at the First Baptist Church at 10:30 this morning. The services at the church will be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Taylor and the burial at Crown Hill in the Baker lot. The services after those at the church will be conducted by the Scottish Rite Masons, according to their ritual. The family preferred a private funeral, but yielded to the requests from the various secret secieties of which Mr. Baker was a member, and consented to their taking

Until 6 o'clock yesterday evening the remains were kept in the parlors of the Scottish Rite Temple, on South Pennsylvania street, where they were viewed by a number of friends and acquaintances. The remains may be seen at the same place until 10 o'clock this morning. At 8 o'clock the employes of Baker & Randolph will meet at the establishment on West Maryland street and march in a body to the parlors and view the remains of their dead

Typegraphical Union No. 1 adopted reso-Intions of sympathy and condolence, setting out his fair and manly treatment of his employes and the organization and his readiness to assist the sick and unfortunate in his employ.

Kicked by a Car Mule.

Harry Stewart, a driver on the stock-yards line, was kicked by one of the mules attached to the car, yesterday morning, and was badly bruised about the head and had his arm dislocated. Stewart was trying to fix a broken double-tree on the car when he was kicked. Dr. Carson attended to the injuries, and the injured man was removed to his home, No. 50 South

West street. Small Fires. Burning rubbish in Duncan & Smith's law office, at No. 76 East Washington street, caused an alarm of fire to be sounded from Box 78 at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The loss was \$100. At 7:15 the house at No. 26 Abbett street, owned by Levi Baum and occupied by the Saivation Army, was damaged \$100 by fire, originating from a defective flue.

Farrell as President. "Mike" Farrell was yesterday morning in stalled as president of the Board of County Commissioners. During the day the board conferred with a committee from the free -kindergarten. An allowance of \$600 a year is given this institution by the county, which they want increased to \$800. The matter was taken under consider-

SHE FOUGHT FOR ENTRANCE

Row at a Lodge-Room Door Settled in the Criminal Court.

The Cadi Lets Another Gambler Off Easy in Police Court-Dividing Up the Divorce Business.

Fenry Webb and Mrs. Smith were both members of the same lodge of the Order of the Orient. Mrs. Smith was charged with conduct unbecoming a member, and was notified to appear for trial. She failed to appear, and the trial proceeded without her, and resulted in her expulsion. Mrs. Smith refused to accept the verdict of the lodge, and at the next meeting appeared at the outer door of the lodge-room and demanded admission. The pass-word having been changed, she gave the wrong word, and Mr. Curry refused to admit her until she opined that she would go into the room or spill blood. Having passed the outer sentinel, she made an onslaught upon the inner sentinel, Mr. Webb, who resisted. In the battle at the door Mrs. Smith had her arm and side bruised, and had Webb arrested for assault and battery. He was convicted by Justice Daniels and appealed to the Criminal Court, and was acquitted by Judge Cox yesterday morning.

Gamblers in Police Court. When the Cadi rapped for order in the Police Court yesterday, and that august "what it is" was convened, there was a long line of defendants ready for arraignment. Among them were ten colored gamblers caught in a raid upon Charlie Hali's place Sunday afternoon, when one of the colored sports made that famous jump. All of the gamblers expressed their intention of fighting the cases, and Hall was first put on trial. This case was disposed of very quickly, and the Cadi, probably from force of habit, drawled out "\$10 and costs." In the excitement of the moment the Cadi probably for-got his virtue, and that he had said that the gamblers might expect trouble when they appeared before him in the future. Hall was sent to the work-house in default of the payment of his fine, but there was no workhouse sentence given as per the promise of the Cadi a few days since. Hall's dive was frequented by the lowest characters in the city and the arrest presented an excellent opportunity for the Cadi to give a pesitive demonstration of his intentions, which he has done. The other nine gamblers demanded jury trials and their cases were continued.

To Divide Up Divorce Cases. For some time past the docket in Room 2 has shown a greater abundance of divorce cases than those in the other rooms of the Superior Court. Judge Harper thought there was a disposition to force such cases upon him, and he called the attention of the other judges to the fact. All of them joined in making the following order yesterday morning:

"It is ordered by the judges of the Superior Court that hereafter the clerk shall assign divorce cases to the several rooms strictly in the order in which such cases are commenced, so that an equal number thereof shall appear on the dockets of the several rooms.

"Napoleon B. Taylor,
"James W. Harper,
"Pliny W. Bartholomew." File Clerk Springstine says that he has always followed the statute requiring cases to be as signed to the different rooms as they are filed beginning with Room 1.

Brown Estate. Upon the petition of W. F. A. Bernhamer, attorney for Mahala Brown, administrator of the estate of George Brown, deceased, the affairs of that estate were again brought to the attention of Judge Brown in the Circuit Court. A former claim against the estate was reduced \$100 by Probate Commissioner O'Bryan upon the objection of the heirs and a subsequent claim for \$295 by Bernhamer disallowed. It is upon the allowance of this claim that Judge Brown is asked to pass.

For Cruelty to a Cat. C. L. Benton, the "fakir" arrested Saturday night, charged with drunkenness and cruelty to animals, for the rough manner in which he handled a certain black kitten, appeared before Hizzonner, the Cadi, yesterday morning, and was fined \$1 and costs. Benton claims that he had a witness present in the room, whom he wanted to put on the stand in defense, but that the Cadi positively refused to hear the evidence.

Tax Sult Postpoued. By agreement of the parties to the suit the case of Victor M. Backus against the Union Railway Company has been postponed until some date, yet to be set, after Jan. 16. The parties agree that Judge Remhard, of the Appellate Court, shall act as special judge in the case and the postponement is made to suit his convenience. The case is to stand in statu quo until

after the trial and judgment. Musicians Before the Cadi. E. L. Lennox and R. L. Ostendorf, leader and director of the Indianapolis Military Band, appeared before the Cadi yesterday morning

charged with desecrating the Sabbath, in giving a musical concert at the Empire Theater Sunday night. The case will be fought by the defend-auts for the purpose of making it a test case. A continuance was taken until Thursday. Want Pay for Their Horse, Benjamin and John Vestal yesterday began

suit against the street-railway company for \$250 for damages to a horse which was struck by a North Illinois-street electric car on June 18. The horse became frightened and ran upon the track in front of the approaching car and the complaint alleges that the motorman made no effort to stop the car. A Religious Maniac.

A commission of insanity yesterday afternoon found Louisa Solomon, a colored woman, twenty-seven years of age, to be insano. Her mental trouble is due to religious excitement, and she is continually singing religious songs. The trouble is of long duration, and she has been released but a few years from a Wisconsin asylum.

Suit on Account L. S. Ayres yesterday filed suit in the Superior Court a rainst Lee Holtzman on account. The account is for articles purchased between June, 1887, and March, 1892. The account is for \$412.92, and Ayres asks judgment for \$500.

> The Court Record. SUPERIOR COURT, GENERAL TERM.

Nathan F. Dalton et al. vs. Mary Hoffman et al.; appeal from Room 2. Judgment of special term affirmed. Appealed to Supreme Court.

Milton S. Hughey et al. vs. Charles L. Clark et al.; appeal from Room 2. Judgment of special term affirmed. Appealed to Supreme Court. Room 1-Hon. Napoleon B. Paris: ful:

The South-side Building and Loan Association vs. Chas. H. Resener et al.; foreclosure. Judgment for plaintiff for \$1,585. Mortgage foreclosed and sale ordered. John C. Ertel vs. Frederick Hartman et al.; note. Dismissed and costs paid. Orion Fort vs. Oscar S. Gillette et al.; account and contract. On trial by court. Room 2-Hon. James W. Harper, Judge.

Katie Salsbury vs. Edward Salsbury; divorce. Tried by court. Decree granted plaintiff at defendant's costs. Frederick Dickman et al. vs. Henry Feldman et al.; suit for petition. Commissioner appointed to sell at private sale.

Israel J. Richardson vs. Henry C. Wade et al.;
suit on note. On trial by court

Room 3-Hon. Pliny W. Bartholomew, Judge. John W. Little vs. George W. Stout et al.; sup-plemental to execution. Dismissed at plaintiff's Chas. D. Fertig vs. Mary P. Fertig; divorce. Argument being heard by court.

Mary L. Rexroth vs. Michael Rexroth; divorce. Decree granted plaintiff and alimony in sum of

New Suits Filed. South-side Building and Loan Association vs. Thomas Cummings et al.; suit to foreclose mort-Lyman 8 Ayres vs. Lee Holtzman; suit on account. Demand, \$500. Room 2. Benjamin Vestal et al. vs. Citizens' Street-rail-road Company; damages. Demand, \$250. Room 3. James H. Doiby vs. Elias Bowers; damages. Demand, \$500. Room 1.

CIRCUIT COURT. Hon. Edger A. Brown, Judge. Laura Fennell vs. John A. Fennell; divorce. On trial by court. Sara A. Cummings vs. McGay Cummings; divorce. On trial by court.

New Swils Filed. James M. Larimore, Administrator of the Estate of George Kaspare, deceased vs. Leonard daschbacher; suit on note. Jareki Manufacturing Company, limited, vs. Montgomery M. McElwaine and McElwaine-Richards Company; suit on note and to enforce

CRIMINAL COURT. Hon, Millard F. Cox. Judge. State vs. Henry Webb; assault and battery.

Appeal from M. H. Daniels, J. P. Trial by court. Not guilty.

BIG FOUR TELEGRAPHERS Conferring with Superintendent Peck-Schedule Will Probably Be Agreed Upon.

The committee representing the 670 telegraphers on the Big Four system went into secret conference yesterday morning with General Superintendent Peck and with Chief Dispatcher Rhoads. The consideration of the schedule was begun at once. The method was to take it up piece by piece, and when a difference developed the committee and the officials would discuss it. but not to reach a final settlement upon this one point. It is evident the schedule was to be considered as a whole, as well as in its particular provisions. This made the work one of detail, and necessarily slow of conclusion. At noon an adjournment was taken until 4 o'clock, when it was resumed as before in room No. 5, at the Grand Hotel. A recess was again taken at 6 o'clock, and the work taken up at 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the work was still unfinished, and the conference adjourned until this morning. The members remarked that while all the discussions had been marked with even temper and friend-liness, there had been no settlement reached. The remarks about the conterence indicated that the company's representatives had shown a firm hand, and would only yield as expediency distated. would only yield as expediency dictated. The committee showed a good deal of firmness also, and pressed every advantage upon the score of fair play and inadequate wages for the work performed with considerable finesse. What the result will be cannot be foretold until the review of the schedule as a whole, in connection with the compromises offered by the company, is Superintendent Peck was apparently

well pleased with the character of the committee with whom he was dealing. In conversation with a Journal reporter he said: "I find the committee composed of earnest, intelligent and vigorous young men. I have never met with a more gentlemanly looking company of employes. They talked sensibly and dispassionately, and if there is any thought of a strike, it did not appear in the language or demeanor of the committee. I have no doubt we can reach a satisfactory settlement."

SECRET SOCIETY MEN.

Begins To-Day.

Commencing this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and continuing Wednesday and Thursday, the special fall convocation of the Scottish Rite Masons of Indiana will be held in this city, in the Scottish Rite Temple on South Pennsylvania street. The meeting is for conferring the grades of the rite, and will be largely attended by prominent Masons from all over the State, many of whom came in last night. The committee on arrangements consists of P. G. C. Hunt, Byron K. Elliott, Charles L. Hutchinson and Nicholas R. Ruckle, all 33°

Masons. Joseph W. Smith is secretary. The work to-day will be done by Adoniram Grand Lodge of Perfection, which controls the degrees four to fourteen, in-clusive. Nicholas R. Ruckle is thrice potent grand master, and John W. Stanb master of ceremonies. The candidates, who must be Master Masons, that is, Masons who have attained the third degree. will present themselves at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The ceremonies of initiation will pot conclude till 10 or 11 o'clock at night, but there will be an intermission between 5 and 7 in the evening. To-mor-row afternoon Saraiah Council of Princes of Jurusalem, 15° and 16°, will have charge of the work. The annual banquet will take place at 5 o'clock, and the degrees of Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix 170 and 180 will be confered in the evening. Indiana Consistory, S. P. R. S. 19º to 32º, inclusive, will open Thursday at 10 A. M., and initiation ceremonies will continne till late that night, with intermissions for refreshments. Murat Temple, Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will meet Friday.

New Lodge of Red Men.

At the Red Men's hall on Washington street, last night, the members of that order instituted a chieftains' league with about forty members. The chieftains' league is an extra degree in the Improved Order of Red Men, and corresponds with the uniform rank in the Knights of Pythias. M. G. Mock, of Muncie, acted as the instituting officer. The chieftains' league will be uniformed and drilled, and will take its place beside the drilled companies of other orders.
The uniform will be patterned after the one
worn by the soldiers of the Revolution—knee breeches, white and blue facings, buff trimmings and three-cornered bats. A company similarly attired appeared in the Columbian parade in this city in October. It is the first chieftans' league to be organized in Indiana.

Center Lodge, No. 23, F. and A. Masons. The following officers were elected, last evening, for the ensuing year, by Center Lodge, F. and A. M.: Worshipful Master-Will E. English.

Senior Warden-J. A. Huston. Junior Warden-J. J. Curtis. Treasurer-Fred Vogt. Secretary-H. S. Beissenherz. Senior Deacon-James M. Cropsey. Junior Deacon-J. B. Sterns. Tyler-J. Bernaur.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. George Wheelock, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Emma Ayres on North Delaware street. Major and Mrs. Lew Morris, who have been stationed at San Antonio, Tex., are spending a few weeks here at the Denison. Mrs. William F. Mason will be at home the remaining Thursdays of this month at her parlor, No. 89, the Denison, to receive her friends Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Hunt will be at home to their friends this afternoon and evening at their residence, No. 199 North Pennsylvania street. Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols will give a lecture this evening at the Propyleum. Her subject will be "Rome," and will be profusely illustrated with stereopticon views.

MR. AND MRS. BYBEE'S RECEPTION. Mr. and Mrs. Addison Bybee and Miss Bybee gave an exceedingly pretty reception last evening at their home on North Pennsylvania street. Miss Bybee wore a dainty gown of white swiss and lace, and carried a large bouquet composed of several bunches of flowers, which had been sent to her by friends during the day. Mrs. Bybee's friends, Mrs. W.F. Mason, Mrs. J. F. Pratt, Mrs. H. J. Milligan and Miss Annie Porter assisted in entertaining in the parlors, and Miss Bybee's friends, Miss Sarah Millard, Miss Annie Hasselman and Miss Amelia Gaston, assisted in pouring tea and chocolate at an exquisitely-embellished table. The house decorations were extremely tasteful.

In the hall were a few palms, chrysanthemums, and the mantel was filled with maiden-hair ferns. In the first parlor were ferns and American Beauty roses. In the second room pink and white primroses and in the library were beautiful holly branches and berries, re-minding every one of the holiday season in the center of the dining table was a large basket of ferns and red, pink and white carnations, as erect and graceful as if growing in a garden. Crystal candlesticks and crystal plates of confections were the only other embellishment. Hart's orchestra played during the reception hours. The young people were invited for the evening and a dance closed the festivities. The gatherings were very enjoyable.

THE COSMOS CLUB. The Cosmos Club gave a dance last evening at their club-house, No. 498 North Pennsylvania street, in honor of one of their members, Mr. Alexander M. Stewart, and his bride. The spacious club-house was brilliantly illuminated throughout and tastefully adorned with a profusion of palms. Hart's orchestra furnished the music, and each and every member was a host for the occasion. The members each invited one lady, so that there were about seventy guests present to meet and greet Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

Indiana Life Underwriters. The Indiana Association of Life Underwriters met at the Denison last evening and as an appropriate and regaling preliminary first partook of a sumptuous banquet and then took up the regular business of the session. Among the prominent Indiana life insurance men present were C. S. Warburton, of the Massachusetts Mutual; E.S. Foisom, of the Phenix Mutual; C. E. Newlin, of the Mutual Life; I. M. Jones, of the Washington Life; E. E. Flickinger, of the of the Washington Life; E. E. Flickinger, of the John Hancock; B. A. Richardson, of the Equitable; B. F. Davenport and J. L. Barcus, of the New York Life, and E. A. P. Haynes, of the Etna Life. The chief tepic of discussion for the evening was a set of resolutions introduced by Mr. Davenport and Mr. Haynes looking toward the establishment of a standard of professional courtesy among the life meurance men of the State. The resolutions were discussed freely, and referred to a committee for revision.

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Roads Will Begin To-Day.

Beginning of an Agitation That Means Much for All Classes of People-Many Delegates Here.

The first general conference, held by Indiana or any other State, in behalf of good roads, will begin to-day in the chamber of the lower house of the Legislature, under the auspices of the Commercial Club, of this city. The chamber has been seated so as to accommodate several hundred delegates. The chairs from the Senate chamber have been removed to this apartment. The delegates will be called to order by Mr. Fortune, secretary of the club, and chairman of the committee having the congress in charge. Gov. Chase will make an address.

The delegates began to arrive yesterday and last night, but the great majority of them will arrive on the early trains to-day. The discussion of the subject for several years past, and the prominence given it in the Republican State platform, have familiarized the whole State with the movement. The agitation has met with a cordial response from all interested in the material and social prosperity of the commonwealth. An address by Col. A. A. Pope, of Boston, will be read before the convention, the writer being unable to be present.

President Lilly has appointed the follow-ing delegates from the Commercial Club: H. C. G. Bals, George C. Beck, W. F. Christian, J. B. Curtis, John Furnas, S. N. Gold, L. P. Harlan, J. B. Heywood, Dr. J. W. Hervey, C. A. Kenyon, C. E. Merrifield and C. S. Smith.

Roads in Europe.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal; Shall we have good roads, is the question before us to-day. There can be no controversy over the importance of good highways, nor their great value overestimated, but how to obtain them, how to provide means to accomplish the end desired, demands our best thought and most earnest effort. We have much to learn as to the best manner of constructing roads and keeping them in repair. We have for our encouragement the fact that good roads have been made in the old world and kept in repair for hundreds of years. If we do not lack material for the construction of durable roads, there is nothing for us to do but to formulate a proper system of laws, regulations and usages. In doing this no time should be lost. While it may not be desirable to copy after the plans made use of in other countries, we certainly can profit by becoming familiar with them. The writer saw much he admired in different parts of Europe, where he traveled the country roads. One thing was that the country roads are not near so wide as ours, therefore, there is less space to work over. One pian comprises two roads side by side, one for winter and one for summer use. Their tracks are close together, both making one roadway, not over twenty five or tairty feet wide. This plan keeps both roads good with but little work. The roadway is thoroughly drained and is therefore always dry except when it rains. The summer road is a dirt track, the winter road is most generally cobble-stone. The roads are all divided into suitable sections and numbered. One man has a section to which he gives all his time, if needed. He never allows his dirt road to become cut into ruts to hold water and make mud, and never allows mud to freeze on his winter road. Repairs are made immediately, and without difficulty. I saw roads that had been in use, I was told, for saw roads that had been in use, I was told, for years beyond the memory of the oldest citizen, and they were kept in repair in this way. I suppose some of the cobble-stones had to be replaced by new ones. This was done by the roadmaster, I was informed, at a trifling expense. Our system of making roads and repairing them through a supervisor, who works for the people of his district, and does his work in any way to get the job off his hands, will never make us good highways.

J. W. H. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.

State Press Comment.

Kendallville Standard: Some important legislation may be expected from the next Legislature upon the subject of roads. The country seems thoroughly aroused, and everybody is clamoring for a better system than we now

Evansville Courier: The road improvemen convention, which convenes at the State capital to-morrow, will have a large attendance from all parts of the State, and will be followed by results fraught with important consequences to

Versy Reveille: The Indiana road congress wi meet in the State-house in Indianapolis next Tuesday, Dec. 6. The committee on arrangements have placed on the programme George W. Dor-

rell, of Queen's Grove, a paper on "Roads of Southern Indiana." Mr. Dorrell is a progressive farmer, who takes much interest in roads. Shelbyville Republican: The Indiana road congress, to be held under the auspices of the Commercial Club, will be largely attended by delegates from all parts of the State, and the in-dications are that the assemblage will be one of great importance. Corydon Republican: "Good roads" and how

to make them is a great question, and of vital interest to all the people. Let us have good roads. Nothing adds so much to the value of real property as good roads, to say nothing about their convenience and economy.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

There will be a special meeting of the School Board this morning, at 9 o'clock. The members of George H Thomas Post will remember that the election of officers will occur

The Reform School for Boys yesterday received \$5,500, upon warrant drawn by Auditor of State Henderson. The Spring Grain Drill Company, of Peru, yesterday filed articles of association with the Secretary of State, the capital stock being \$21,000. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, the Church Unity Society will be addressed at Christ Church by Bishop Knickerbacker and Rev. J. H.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Willie A. Willis and Anna R. Monroe, Hiram Les Gard and Ida M. Bergman, Joseph W. Baxton and Lillian M. Lewis, Franklyn E. Smith and Sarah E. Harris.

Mrs. Francis M. Haberly will give the third lecture before the Art Association this evening. The subject is "Fra Bartolomineo." The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Sollis Runnels chairman, Mrs. H. C. Long, Miss Bessie Hendricks and Mr. Douglas Barkley.

Hon. E. P. Thompson, Indianapolis's postmaster, will give a "practical taik" on "The Postal System" at the Young Men's Christian Association to-night. All young men are invited to attend and bring their ladies. The talk will be given in the auditorium, and there will be plenty of room for all those who come. There is no charge for admission.

Bold Theft of a Turnout, About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Dr. Maxwell lost his black horse and spring top buggy by the depredation of a bold thief. The buggy was standing in front of the Doctor's office, on Ohio street, and a man whom the police claim to knowjumped into the buggy and drove off. The act was seen, and the police were notified and started after the man. They chased him out Indiana avenue, but were finally compelled to abandon the pursuit.

The horse and buggy were returned to the owner last night. The thief after stealing the horse drave to Maywood, where he sold it at

Dr. Coe and His Homeopathic Practice. To the Editor of the Indianapoils Journal:

Dr. Wishard, in his very interesting paper published in to-day's Journal, pays a glowing tribute to Dr. Isaac Coe, but, at the close, does him and the system he practiced injustice. He says: "Dr. Coe, on his return from New York (where he had become a convert to the system), made an effort to practice homeopathy. He never succeeded in doing much in that line of practice. After the death of his wife he spent most of his time in the Northwest with his sons, where he died." Mrs. Coe died in 1843. Dr. Coe practiced homeopathy in Indianapolis from about 1838 till about 1853, when he removed to Galena, Ill. His own opinion was that his homeopathic practice was more successful than his previous allopathic practice. Though a pio-neer of that school in this place, and not reguneer of that school in this place, and not regularly educated therein, his practice was good, embracing the families of some of the most intelligent men of the place, as James Blake, James M. Ray, the Walpoles, William Hannaman, Daniel Yandes, Calvin Fletcher, James S. Kemper, Henry Ward Beecher and many others of similar standing.

W. W. SICKELS. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.

HOW DO YOU DO when you buy shoes or clothing ? Don't you go to the place (if you can find it) where they tell you that you may wear the articles out, and then, if you're not satisfied, they'll refund the

money? Why not do the same when you buy medicine? Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is sold on that plan. It's the only bloodpurifier so certain and effective that it can be guaranteed to benefit or cure, in

every case, or you have your money It's not like the ordinary spring medicines or sarsaparillas. All the year round, it cleanses, builds up, and invigorates the system. If you're billious, run-down, or dyspeptic, or have any blood-taint, noth-

ing can equal it as a remedy.